

Ford	Lofgren	Rush
Fossella	Lowey	Ryan (WI)
Frank (MA)	Lucas (KY)	Ryun (KS)
Frelinghuysen	Lucas (OK)	Sabo
Frost	Luther	Salmon
Gallegly	Maloney (CT)	Sanchez
Ganske	Maloney (NY)	Sanders
Gejdenson	Manzullo	Sandlin
Gekas	Markey	Sawyer
Gephardt	Martinez	Saxton
Gibbons	Mascara	Scarborough
Gilchrest	Matsui	Schaffer
Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)	Schakowsky
Gilman	McCarthy (NY)	Scott
Gonzalez	McCrery	Sensenbrenner
Goode	McDermott	Serrano
Goodlatte	McGovern	Sessions
Gordon	McHugh	Shadegg
Graham	McInnis	Shaw
Granger	McIntyre	Shays
Green (TX)	McKeon	Sherman
Green (WI)	McKinney	Sherwood
Greenwood	McNulty	Shimkus
Gutierrez	Meehan	Shows
Gutknecht	Menendez	Simpson
Hall (OH)	Millender	Sisisky
Hall (TX)	McDonald	Skeen
Hastert	Miller, Gary	Skelton
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Slaughter
Hastings (WA)	Minge	Smith (MI)
Hayes	Mink	Smith (NJ)
Hayworth	Moakley	Smith (WA)
Herger	Mollohan	Snyder
Hill (IN)	Moore	Souder
Hill (MT)	Moran (KS)	Spratt
Hilleary	Moran (VA)	Stabenow
Hilliard	Morella	Stearns
Hinchey	Murtha	Stenholm
Hinojosa	Myrick	Stump
Hobson	Nadler	Stupak
Hoeffel	Napolitano	Sununu
Hoekstra	Neal	Sweeney
Holden	Nethercutt	Tancredo
Holt	Ney	Tanner
Hooley	Northup	Tauscher
Horn	Norwood	Tauzin
Hostettler	Nussle	Taylor (MS)
Houghton	Oberstar	Taylor (NC)
Hoyer	Obey	Terry
Hulshof	Olver	Thomas
Hyde	Ortiz	Thompson (CA)
Inslee	Ose	Thornberry
Istook	Owens	Thune
Jackson (IL)	Oxley	Thurman
Jackson-Lee	Packard	Tiahrt
(TX)	Pallone	Tierney
Jefferson	Pastor	Toomey
Jenkins	Payne	Towns
John	Pease	Traficant
Johnson (CT)	Pelosi	Turner
Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)	Udall (CO)
Johnson, Sam	Petri	Udall (NM)
Jones (NC)	Phelps	Upton
Jones (OH)	Pickering	Velázquez
Kanjorski	Pitts	Vislosky
Kaptur	Pombo	Vitter
Kasich	Pomeroy	Walden
Kelly	Porter	Walsh
Kildee	Portman	Wamp
Kilpatrick	Price (NC)	Watkins
Kind (WI)	Pryce (OH)	Watt (NC)
Kingston	Quinn	Watts (OK)
Klecza	Radanovich	Weiner
Kucinich	Rahall	Weldon (FL)
Kuykendall	Ramstad	Weldon (PA)
LaFalce	Regula	Weller
LaHood	Reynolds	Wexler
Lampson	Riley	Weyand
Lantos	Rivers	Whitfield
Largent	Rodriguez	Wicker
Larson	Roemer	Wilson
Latham	Rogan	Wolf
Leach	Rogers	Woolsey
Lee	Rohrabacher	Wu
Levin	Ros-Lehtinen	Wynn
Lewis (CA)	Rothman	Young (AK)
Lewis (KY)	Roukema	Young (FL)
Linder	Roybal-Allard	
LoBiondo	Royce	

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Ackerman	Franks (NJ)	Metcalfe
Baker	Goodling	Mica
Ballenger	Goss	Miller (FL)
Barton	Hansen	Pascarell
Berman	Hefley	Paul
Bilirakis	Hunter	Peterson (PA)
Bliley	Hutchinson	Pickett
Blumenauer	Isakson	Rangel
Callahan	Kennedy	Reyes
Campbell	King (NY)	Shuster
Carson	Klink	Smith (TX)
Clay	Knollenberg	Spence
Cramer	Kolbe	Stark
Danner	LaTourette	Strickland
Diaz-Balart	Lazio	Talent
Dicks	Lewis (GA)	Thompson (MS)
Eshoo	Lipinski	Vento
Everett	McCollum	Waters
Farr	McIntosh	Waxman
Forbes	Meek (FL)	Wise
Fowler	Meeks (NY)	

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, due to a conflict, I missed rollcall No. 518. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on adoption of the conference report for H.R. 3244, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, I could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, I could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, I could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, due to sickness in my family and thus the need to return home to my district, I was unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 518. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 3244, final passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, today the House debated H.R. 3244, the "Trafficking Victims Protection Act" conference report. I was unavoidably absent for a vote on the rule (H. Res. 613) and the bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the rule (rollcall vote No. 517) and "aye" on the conference report (rollcall vote No. 518).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes 514, 515, 516, 517 and 518, I was absent. I was in my district, touring flood damage in the Presidentially-declared federal disaster area, with the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of those votes.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to inquire about next week's schedule.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FROST. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my fellow Committee on Rules member, the gentleman from Dallas, for yielding.

I am pleased to announce to our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that the House has completed its legislative business for the week. The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, October 10, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices later today.

On Tuesday, the House will also consider H.R. 4205, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. We are hoping in the Committee on Rules to be able to report the rule on that conference report out before too terribly long. I hope my friend from Texas will remain with us while we attempt to do that.

On Tuesday, I should say there are no votes anticipated until after 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 11, and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures: H.R. 4461, the Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report; H.R. 4577, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Conference Report; and H.R. 4942, the District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report. The House will also consider any other conference reports that may become available throughout the week.

I thank my friend for yielding and hope that when we do report out this conference report rule upstairs that we will be able to send everyone home for the weekend.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin, the ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could inquire, can we be assured that next week all of the appropriations conference reports will actually be in the conference reports, or will we again have to go through the charade that we went through today where, if you went to the conference report on the bill passed earlier, you could not find one word of the bill that was being conferenced?

Mr. DREIER. Well, I will assure my friend that we will not continue with any kind of "charade" that he thinks may or may not have taken place. We are going to try to proceed with conference reports and have votes on those next week.

Mr. OBEY. Can the gentleman assure us that every bill that has been conferred will, in fact, be found in the conference report?

Mr. DREIER. If my friend would continue to yield, I cannot provide assurance that my friend from Wisconsin will be completely happy with the procedure that will be followed.

Mr. OBEY. I did not think so.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I have several questions, if I may. First, I listened carefully to what my colleague on the Committee on Rules said. I am not sure I understood exactly one point. Do we expect any appropriation bills on the floor on Tuesday, or are they only going to come up later in the week?

Mr. DREIER. At this juncture, we do not anticipate any appropriation conference reports to be on the floor on Tuesday.

Mr. FROST. If I could ask the gentleman an additional question, when will our business be completed for the week next week? Do we anticipate a weekend session?

Mr. DREIER. Do we anticipate? As my friend knows, the Continuing Resolution expires one week from tomorrow, and we hope very much we will have the work of the 106th Congress completed by that time. So, at this juncture, we hope that we will be completed by next Saturday.

Mr. FROST. Do we anticipate being here on Saturday?

Mr. DREIER. I think it would be great if we could finish it midweek and adjourn sine die, but that probably will not happen. At this juncture, we have until Saturday, when the Continuing Resolution expires; and it is our hope that we will complete our work by that time.

Mr. FROST. Should we not complete our work by next Saturday, by the day on which the CR expires, do we anticipate very short-term CRs after that? Can we tell how long the next one would be, if in fact the next one were necessary?

Mr. DREIER. We will obviously want to work closely with our friends on the other side of the aisle and down Pennsylvania Avenue to bring about some kind of resolution on that question. I think it is too early to raise that question, and we are all hoping that by the expiration of the Continuing Resolution next Saturday, we will be able to adjourn sine die.

H-1B NON-IMMIGRANT WORKERS FEE INCREASE

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5362) to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H-1B non-immigrant workers, and for other

purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON), my distinguished colleague on the Committee on the Judiciary, for an explanation and a discussion of the purpose of the bill that he offers.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this bill adds the final piece to the H-1B legislation that we passed earlier this week. There is widespread consensus that the \$500 fee for an H-1B visa application should be increased. The money collected in fees goes toward job training for American workers and scholarships for American students studying math and science. These programs will provide the long-term solution to the shortage of information technology workers plaguing our economy.

H.R. 5362 raises the fee to \$1,000. With the new H-1B quota of 195,000, this increased fee could raise almost \$200 million a year for job training and scholarships.

The bill also exempts primary and secondary schools and universities from having to pay the fee. These institutions are already doing their part to train American students for the jobs of the future.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, as I understand the amendment, the fee charged to employers for sponsoring an H-1B worker will double from \$500 to \$1,000. I support the increased fee, because we have a critical need to retrain America's workers and educate our children to meet the demands of the new economy and to better administer and enforce the H-1B program.

In fact, in my view, a larger fee increase may have been appropriate, in light of the urgent need for qualified American high-tech workers, particularly in minority and under-represented communities.

The allocation of the new fee makes the training and education of American workers and America's children a priority. Over half the fees will be used by the Labor Department to provide technical skills training for U.S. workers. Over 35 percent of the fees will go to scholarships for low-income persons and the National Science Foundation competitive grants for K-12 math, technology, and science education.

Now, it is common knowledge that the administration of the H-1B program by the Immigration Service and the Labor Department could be far better than it is. We have increased the funds allocated to each agency so that they can better administer and enforce

the programs, as well as reduce the horrendous backlogs in applications currently faced by employers.

We will review the implementation of the H-1B program in the next Congress, and I fully expect to see improvements in how these agencies handle the H-1B program. In other words, they should be held rather strictly accountable.

Mr. Speaker, because the fee increase will begin to address the needs of the American workforce, I support the bill.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CONYERS. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee on the Judiciary, first, for bringing this up.

This fee increase is one which was struck through an agreement in legislation that my colleague next to whom the gentleman is standing, the gentleman from California (Ms. LOFGREN), and I worked, beginning last October.

It is very important for us to recognize that while just 2 days ago we were able to pass legislation which does bring about that increase to 195,000 the number of H-1B visas, it is important for us to realize the long-term solution is to do exactly what my friend from Michigan has said, focus on scholarships for the National Science Foundation, increase math and science education at the K through 12 level, and realize that if we are going to have a workforce that is going to be globally competitive, we must have them trained and educated here in the United States.

Until that time, we have increased the H-1B visa level. We have had a bipartisan agreement to do that. It seems to me that this legislation, which I was very proud to introduce, after we passed the H-1B visa bill, along with the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Rules, is one which we can move immediately.

Again, I would like to compliment my colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN), and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and others who have worked long and hard on trying to move ahead with the package.

On this issue of education and math and science education, I specifically want to mention the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), who has done a great deal of work focusing on the importance of math and science training.

So I hope we can move ahead just as quickly as possible. Again, I congratulate all those who have been involved in this effort.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman from California (Chairman DREIER).